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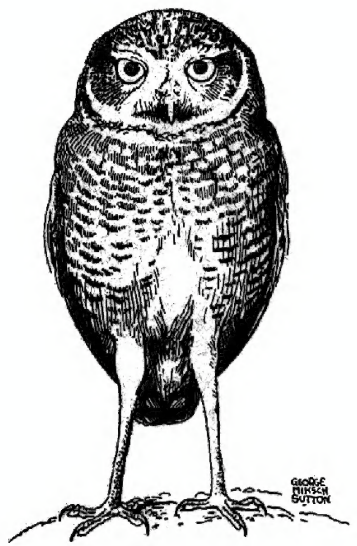

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WINTER FIELD REPORT, December 2019-February 2020

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INTRODUCTION

As with any of these Seasonal Reports, there was plenty to entertain us and to contemplate this winter. The most obvious feature of this winter's reports was the taxonomically widespread incidence of midwinter occurrences of species normally absent at that time. Snow, Ross's, and Greater White-fronted Geese occurred in good numbers, and Jan to early Feb reports of dabbling and diving ducks often far from expected winter occurrence locations were notable. Among passerines, notable midwinter reports were of Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, and Northern Mockingbird, Nebraska's first record for Feb of American Pipit, and 6th winter record of Lesser Goldfinch. Both Eastern and Spotted Towhees were more in evidence, as were the icterids Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, and Brown-headed Cowbird.

Continuing trends of increasing numbers were White-winged Dove, which may be establishing a resident population into winter, and Lesser Black-backed Gull, primarily a migrant, with a vanguard of eight at Lake McConaughy by late Feb. Black-capped Chickadee and Black-billed Magpie still have population challenges, although the latter shows some encouraging signs. On the other hand, Gray Partridge was unreported.

Interesting happenings included a count of as many as 12 Northern Saw-whet Owls in a 2.5-mile stretch of cedar canyon roads in Lincoln County, and four westerly but establishing Barred Owls on the Harlan County Reservoir CBC. Also of interest was the high proportion of "Hepburn's" Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches in Sioux County, and it was hard to keep track of the Peregrine Falcon musical chairs in North Omaha.

Perhaps the most significant rarity was Nebraska's 4th Yellow-billed Loon, challenged closely by a rather incredible Lewis's Woodpecker that took up residence in Sarpy County, among all the places it could have chosen closer to home. Only the 3rd Laughing Gull for winter was a rare find. Also unexpected were four each of Northern Goshawks and Barrow's Goldeneyes, and the reports of three Pine Grosbeaks in Harlan County and a Varied Thrush in Lancaster County.

ABBREVIATIONS

BOL: Branched Oak Lake SRA, *Lancaster*
CBC: Christmas Bird Count
FF: Fontenelle Forest, *Sarpy*
GPD: Gavins Point Dam, *Cedar*

HCR: Harlan County Reservoir, *Harlan*
LM: Lake McConaughy, *Keith*
LO: Lake Ogallala, *Keith*
LSWNP: Lincoln Saline Wetlands Nature Park, *Lancaster*
m.ob.: multiple observers
MWCW: Marsh Wren Community Wetlands, *Lancaster*
NM: National Monument
NWR: National Wildlife Refuge
PL: Pawnee Lake SRA, *Lancaster*
PP: Pioneers Park Nature Center, Lincoln, *Lancaster*
PSP: Ponca SP, *Dixon*
RWB: Rainwater Basin, including several south-central and southeastern playa basins
SHP: State Historical Park
SL: Sewage Lagoons
SP: State Park
SRA: State Recreation Area
WHNC: Wildcat Hills Nature Center, *Scotts Bluff*
WMA: (State) Wildlife Management Area

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Snow Goose: In recent years midwinter (10-25 Jan) numbers have been larger; an amazing 21,000 were counted carefully in *Nuckolls* 18 Jan (DE). Less than annual in midwinter in the Panhandle, one was in *Scotts Bluff* 15 Jan (KD).

Ross's Goose: Along with the large flock of Snow Geese in *Nuckolls* (above), 400 Ross's Geese were estimated (DE), by far the largest midwinter (10-25 Jan) count of the species to date.

Greater White-fronted Goose: Winter reports are becoming more numerous with this species also. Fewest records are in midwinter (15 Jan-1 Feb), but bracketing the midwinter "gap" were 32-38 at Flanagan Lake, *Douglas* 11-14 Jan (EBe), 24 at McCook, *Red Willow* 14 Jan (GK), 20 at PL 1 Feb (KS), 75 in East Lincoln, *Lancaster* 2 Feb (JSS), and 50 at MWCW 2 Feb (EJ). Rare in the Panhandle in midwinter, singles were at different *Scotts Bluff* locations 18 and 21 Jan (KD).

Cackling Goose: Routine reports.

Canada Goose: Routine reports.

Mute Swan: An unmarked adult in northwest Kearney, *Buffalo* 23 Feb (JN) raised questions about provenance; at that central Nebraska location it seems likely to have been derived from the managed population at nearby Yanney Lake, where, however, adults and juveniles are wing-clipped and all birds are accounted for. Surplus birds from Yanney are sold at auction, which might open a possibility for strays and escapes, however.

Trumpeter Swan: Two of the three highest counts on record were made this winter, continuing a trend of increasing wintering numbers; 144 were on the DeSoto NWR CBC, *Washington* 15 Dec (fide JT) and 133 were at Long Lake, *Lincoln* 1 Jan (SMa). A potential new wintering location is the 78th Ave area in Columbus, *Platte*, where numbers peaked at 100 on 31 Dec (LK).

Tundra Swan: Along with increasing numbers of wintering Trumpeter Swans, a few Tundras are lingering with them. This winter two were in *Platte* 31 Dec (LK photo), two were at Long Lake, *Lincoln* 15 Dec (BE), and three were nearby 22 Dec (TJW, JGJ, JN). One was at LO 17 Jan (JN photo) and three were near North Platte, *Lincoln* 22 Dec (TJW, JGJ, JN). Usually a rare migrant, and thus not unexpected were one in *Dakota* 2-6 Dec (BFH) and three in *Burt* 29 Feb (PT photo).

Wood Duck: Rare in midwinter (4 Jan-14 Feb), there were two reports: two were at PL 9 Jan (TG) and one was at Carter Lake, *Douglas* 3 Feb (JGr photo).

Blue-winged Teal: Quite late were the five at Sutherland Reservoir, *Lincoln* 8 Dec (BWh).

Cinnamon Teal: Earliest on record by two days was one in *Keith* 22 Feb (SMl).

Northern Shoveler: Wintering is rare but annual in the south and east, but this midwinter (9 Jan-13 Feb) there were a surprising nine reports, including 50 at Meadowlark Lake, Grand Island, *Hall* 13 Jan (CCh), and 38 at Holmes Lake, *Lancaster* 13 Jan (LE).

Gadwall: Wintering of small numbers is expected in the south and southeast, but unexpected for midwinter (14 Jan- 5 Feb) were seven near Taylor, *Loup* 25 Jan (JLe) and 14 at Lake Yankton, *Cedar* 2 Feb (EBr, DH).

American Wigeon: There were four midwinter (12 Jan-3 Feb) records. Two were in expected Platte and North Platte River valley locations, but out of range were singles on Lake Yankton and Lewis and Clark Lake, both in *Cedar*, 2 Feb (EBr, DH).

Mallard: Tying for 4th-highest winter count on record were the 34,000 at Sutherland Reservoir, *Lincoln* 4 Jan (SMl, DE). Two banded Mallards were recovered in *Burt* 5 Dec, one banded in South Dakota 14 years ago, the other in Kentucky, also 14 years ago, the oldest birds encountered in 25 years of waterfowling (EBe).

American Black Duck: There were two reports of this now less-than-annual winter visitor: two were in *Dodge* 15 Dec, one taken and photographed (BHe fide EBe), and one was in southwest *Sarpy* 2 Jan (JGJ, TJW, RSt; photos).

Northern Pintail: Routine reports.

Green-winged Teal: Routine reports.

Canvasback: Less than annual in midwinter (12-30 Jan), two overwintered at Skyview Lake, *Madison* (JTh, m. ob.).

Redhead: Rare in midwinter (13-28 Jan) away from the Platte and North Platte River valleys, there were two reports: eight were in *Cedar* 21 Jan (GPa) and two at BOL 28 Jan (LE).

Ring-necked Duck: Rare in midwinter (15-30 Jan) away from the Platte and North Platte River valleys, up to four overwintered at Ta-Ha-Zouka Park, *Madison* (JTh, m. ob.).

Greater Scaup: Routine reports.

Lesser Scaup: Less than annual in midwinter (16 Jan-2 Feb) away from the Platte and North Platte River valleys, there were three reports: 10 were in southwest *Sarpy* 25 Jan (DCu), and singles were at BOL 28 Jan (LE) and in *Cedar* 2 Feb (EBr, DH).

Surf Scoter: The only report was of a tardy fem./imm. in southwest *Sarpy* 2 Jan (JGJ photo) that tied the latest fall date on record.

White-winged Scoter: Second-earliest spring date on record and only the 29th for spring was one on a pond in Grand Island, *Hall* 15-27 Feb (RF photo, m. ob.).

Black Scoter: None were reported of this annual but rare fall migrant with expected last dates 16-20 Dec.

Long-tailed Duck: Probably an early migrant was a male on Lewis and Clark Lake, *Cedar* 15-29 Feb (PR, m. ob.).

Bufflehead: Midwinter (7-28 Jan) reports away from LM are rare; two were at Sutherland Reservoir, *Lincoln* 14 Jan (JLe).

Common Goldeneye: The 1500 at GPD 10 Feb (WF) was a good tally.

Barrow's Goldeneye: Three of the four reports were in the western Platte and North Platte River valleys, where the species is annual: one was in *Dawson*, north of Eustis 1 Dec-23 Feb (JGJ, m. ob.), two were at North Platte SL, *Lincoln* 22 Dec-5 Jan (LR, RH, TJW), and one was in an NPPD canal in North Platte 21-22 Feb (DL, TEL, BE, SM). The fourth report was in the east, where less than annual: two at GPD 4-25 Feb (JJ, RD, EBr, LBr, BFH).

Hooded Merganser: Rare in midwinter (6 Jan-17 Feb), but annual statewide except for the north, there were eight reports, all but one from Platte and North Platte River valleys and *Lancaster* locations. The exception was two at Calamus Reservoir, *Loup* 10 Feb (KS).

Common Merganser: Routine reports.

Red-breasted Merganser: Midwinter (24 Dec-2 Feb) reports away from LM are less than annual; this winter one was in *Dawson* 5 Jan (PR) and another was at BOL 28 Jan (LE).

Ruddy Duck: Less than annual in midwinter (7 Jan-16 Feb), there were two reports: 3-5 were at Carter Lake, *Douglas* 27 Jan-4 Feb (JGr, PNa) and one was at Lakeside Park, *Douglas* 8-10 Feb (MJo, EW).

Northern Bobwhite: Somewhat west of the expected range were three at Brownlee, *Cherry* 25 Jan (WF). Numbers appear to be increasing in *Dixon* (BFH).

Wild Turkey: The 431 on the DeSoto NWR CBC (fide JT) was a good count, albeit about on par for that area.

Sharp-tailed Grouse: Routine reports.

Greater Prairie-Chicken: Routine reports.

Gray Partridge: None were reported of this uncommon to rare resident in the northeast; numbers have been low in the last few years.

Ring-necked Pheasant: Routine reports.

Pied-billed Grebe: Less than annual in midwinter (9 Jan-21 Feb) even in the Platte and North Platte River valleys, one was in *Dawson* 12 Jan (EW). Quite unexpected were singles in *Dakota* 14 Jan (BFH, RTo, EBr, LBr) and at Barnett Park, *Red Willow* 9-14 Jan (GK). These are more likely lingering fall migrants.

Horned Grebe: One at LO 29 Feb (MW) was 3rd-earliest on record.

Red-necked Grebe: None were reported of this rare annual fall migrant with last expected dates 2-4 Jan.

Eared Grebe: Routine reports.

Western Grebe: None were reported of this common to uncommon fall migrant and less-than-annual winterer at LM with expected last dates in early Dec.

Rock Pigeon: Routine reports.

Eurasian Collared-Dove: Routine reports.

White-winged Dove: There were numerous reports during the period (m. ob.), continuing a significant increase in such records since winter 2013-2014; through this winter there are now about 50 records 2 Nov-23 Mar, somewhat surprisingly evenly distributed by month. This even distribution suggests a wintering population is developing, composed of birds summering in Nebraska.

Mourning Dove: Generally rare in winter (Dec-Feb) in the North Platte River Valley, there were a surprising seven reports of 1-2 birds 12 Dec-23 Feb (m. ob.).

Virginia Rail: Routine reports.

American Coot: A bit north of expected winter range for the number were 22 in the GPD area, *Cedar* 2 Feb (EBr, DH). One in *Dodge* 19 Feb (CCr photo) was likely an early migrant.

Sandhill Crane: Platte River Crane Trust aerial counts in the Central Platte River Valley tracked the spring buildup: 11 Feb, 6150 cranes, 18 Feb, 13,120, and 24 Feb, 34,500 (ACa). Comparable was the estimate of 10,000 in *Hall* on 16 Feb (KWa). Two at Rock Creek SRA, *Dundy* 29 Feb (SMl, QP) were at an unusual spring location.

Killdeer: Routine reports.

American Woodcock: None were reported of this uncommon eastern spring migrant with early expected dates in the last week of Feb.

Wilson's Snipe: Rare but annual in midwinter, the six reports during the period were from expected locations in *Lincoln* and *Harlan* (m. ob.).

Greater Yellowlegs: None were reported of this common statewide fall migrant with expected last dates in the first week of Dec.

Black-legged Kittiwake: None were reported of this annual statewide fall migrant with last expected dates 6-9 Dec.

Bonaparte's Gull: Quite late was possibly the same bird reported at two locations at LO 4-5 Jan (SMl, DE, WBe, SMe, BE).

Laughing Gull: Only the 3rd report for winter (Nov-Mar) was a first-winter-plumaged bird in *Dawson* 3 Jan (JN photo).

Franklin's Gull: The only report was of a tardy alternate-plumaged adult at Oak Park Lake, *Lancaster* 4 Dec (LSu).

Ring-billed Gull: The 4000 at LO 29 Feb (MW) was a good count for the date, about two weeks before expected peak migration.

California Gull: The only reports were of 1-2 adults at LM during the period (m. ob.), an expected location.

Herring Gull: Routine reports.

Iceland Gull: Good numbers were reported at LM during the period, peaking at eight on 21 Feb (JGJ). Most were the expected Iceland (Thayer's) Gulls, but there was one pale bird reported and well-described as "Iceland (*glaucoides/kumlieni)* Gull" 22 Feb (SMl), likely the same bird reported there on the same day as "borderline Kumlien's" (JGJ). A reported pale gull at BOL 25 Feb (LE) may have been an Iceland or small Glaucous.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Midwinter (5 Jan-2 Feb) sightings are rare and expected only at LM; this winter 1-2 were there (m. ob.). Spring migrants arrived in late Feb, peaking at eight at LM on 22 Feb (SMa), a new spring record high count. The only report away from LM was of one rather late at PL 3 Jan (LE).

Glaucous Gull: The late 1990s saw high numbers of this species in Nebraska, but numbers have declined in recent years, as pointed out by one observer: "maybe becoming a bit more scarce this far south" (JGJ). Only three were reported, one at LM 8 Jan-21 Feb (SB, m. ob.) and two at Calamus Reservoir, *Loup* 24 Feb (KS photo).

Common Loon: A surprise was the two rather late at HCR 14 Dec (JGJ).

Yellow-billed Loon: Nebraska's 4th was nicely photographed at BOL 8 Dec (SKr).

This Yellow-billed Loon, Nebraska's 4th, was photographed by Steve Kruse at Branched Oak Lake, *Lancaster* 8 Dec 2019.

Double-crested Cormorant: The only overwintering birds were up to six at Sutherland Reservoir, *Lincoln* where expected; best counts were six on 1 Jan (BE) and five on 12 Jan (WBe). Less than annual away from Sutherland Reservoir in midwinter (25 Dec-26 Feb), there were two reports: one was tardy in *Saunders* 2 Jan (JGJ) and an imm. in Grand Island, *Hall* 15 Feb through the period (RF, JN, LK, m. ob.) was likely an early migrant.

American White Pelican: Arrival was early at HCR, where 30 were present 10 Feb (DEd) and as many as 150 by 14 Feb (JWe) and at Calamus Reservoir, *Loup*, where 30 were present 10 Feb and 50 on 18 Feb (KS).

Great Blue Heron: Routine reports.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: Nebraska's 5th-latest on record was an imm. along the Missouri River in *Otoe* 12 Dec (SMa, BRe).

Turkey Vulture: The only report was of one over Wayne, *Wayne* taking advantage of the leap year to establish a rare Feb record 29 Feb (EBr).

Osprey: One in *Jefferson* 20 Feb (MHa) was rather early; earliest expected dates are 17-19 Mar, and, as with Turkey Vulture, have been getting earlier in recent years.

Golden Eagle: Routine reports.

Northern Harrier: Routine reports.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: The seven on the BOL-Seward CBC, *Lancaster* 14 Dec (fide JG) was a good tally.

Cooper's Hawk: Routine reports.

Northern Goshawk: The four reports, all of photographed birds, were more than usual, as was noted for Fall also; single ads. were on the Harlan County Reservoir CBC 14 Dec (BP, LR, RH) and at LM 21 Feb (SMa), and single imms. were in *Scotts Bluff* 22 Dec (CWo, JBa, SMl) and near Brownlee, *Cherry* 2 Feb (JED, GWa).

Bald Eagle: The 500 at Calamus Reservoir, *Loup* 21 Feb (KS) was a record-high winter count. Another good tally was the 259 counted along 55 miles of the Missouri River in *Nemaha* and *Richardson* 23 Dec (SMa).

Red-shouldered Hawk: There were two reports of this species, which has likely become an annual winter visitor or resident in recent years. Apparently the same immature was at Stagecoach Lake SRA, *Lancaster* 8 Dec (JGJ), 25 Dec (SKr photo), and 26 Jan (KHG photo), and apparently the same adult was at PL and in nearby *Seward* on 31 Jan (TG).

Red-tailed (Eastern Red-tailed) Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis borealis*): Routine reports.

Red-tailed (Eastern Red-tailed) Hawk (*B. j. borealis*, morph "Krider's"): Current information suggests this color morph of *B. j. borealis* is less than annual in winter in se. Nebraska; the only reports were of singles in *Dodge* 8 Dec (D&JP) and *Otoe* 29 Feb (CEn).

Red-tailed (Northern Red-tailed) Hawk (*B. j. abieticola*): There were three reports of this subspecies, all with photos (SMa): singles were in *Sarpy* 1 Feb, *Douglas* 15 Feb, and near Lewellen, *Garden* 21 Feb. These are the 7th-10th Nebraska records of this newly recognized subspecies.

Red-tailed (Western Red-tailed) Hawk (*B. j. calurus/B. j. alascensis*): Routine reports.

Red-tailed (Harlan's) Hawk: Routine reports.
Rough-legged Hawk: Routine reports.
Ferruginous Hawk: Routine reports.
Eastern Screech-Owl: Routine reports.
Great Horned Owl: Copulation was observed 20 Jan in *Douglas* and again at the same location two days later (BHo).
Snowy Owl: None were reported of this rare but annual cyclic winter visitor.
Barred Owl: Numbers in the Orleans, *Harlan* area appear to be increasing; four were located at three locations 14 Dec (JGJ, JN). Westerly were singles in *Nuckolls* 18 Jan (DE) and *Madison* 21 Dec (fide DH).
Long-eared Owl: Routine reports.
Short-eared Owl: Routine reports.
Northern Saw-whet Owl: This was a good winter for this species, with reports from seven locations statewide involving about 20 individuals, most from the cedar canyons of southeastern *Lincoln,* where 13 were heard 20 Feb in Box Elder Canyon: "All calling along the road with 1-3 birds at each of our stops in areas of dense cedars. Eleven out of the thirteen were singing spontaneously with the other two responding to playback, and twelve out of the thirteen were along a 2.5 mile stretch of the road." (SMa). Late Jan calling for the third consecutive winter was heard in southeastern *Lincoln* in the same general area as above on 30 Jan; spring calls were not heard again until 17 Feb (LDe), the more expected date for presumed pre-spring departure calling.
Belted Kingfisher: Outside the expected winter range were singles near Elsmere, *Cherry* 25 Jan (WF) and in *Dawes* 21 Dec, the latter a first for the Crawford CBC (fide B&DW).
Lewis's Woodpecker: An amazing record was one at Schramm SP, *Sarpy*, Nebraska's first winter record and unbelievably far east, discovered by Lauren Darnold and Amber Schiltz 18 Dec and seen by around 115 people through 19 Jan.
Red-headed Woodpecker: This winter there were a few reports in midwinter north and west of the expected winter range: three were at Basswood WMA, *Dakota* 1 Feb (BFH), and there were reports from four different locations in *Lancaster,* three of singles 20 Jan-15 Feb (EW, JSu, JHo) and one of two (JBe).
Red-bellied Woodpecker: Routine reports.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Far westerly was one in a yard south of Gering, *Scotts Bluff* through 11 Jan. It had been present since 1 Nov (AK, KD), and was only the 5th record for Dec-Feb in the Panhandle. Another was northerly in *Antelope* 2 Feb (SB).
Downy Woodpecker: Routine reports.
Hairy Woodpecker: Routine reports.
Northern Flicker: Routine reports.
Pileated Woodpecker: One at Camp Cedars, *Saunders* on the Ames CBC 17 Dec (WF) was a good find there, where the species appears to be establishing slowly.
American Kestrel: Routine reports.
Merlin: Routine reports.

This Lewis's Woodpecker, Nebraska's first for winter and surprisingly far east in *Sarpy*, engendered around 115 eBird reports beginning with its discovery 18 Dec 2019 by Lauren Darnold and Amber Schiltz, and continuing through 19 Jan, here photographed 20 Dec by Steve Kruse.

Peregrine Falcon: Two at the Capitol Building nest site in Lincoln, *Lancaster* by 2 Feb (SKr photo) were the same pair returning for their 16th year (JHi), but unfortunately they have been unsuccessful for the last three, possibly due to their age (fide JGJ). At least one bird was at the Omaha, *Douglas* Woodmen Tower nest site from 31 Jan (SMa, m. ob.). Interesting information on the OPPD site in North Omaha, *Douglas* was provided by Jerry Toll: leading into the 2020 season, a new pair showed up 30 Jan, female Sierra banded 26 May 2016 at the Kansas City Power and Light Iatan generating station smokestack and an unidentified banded male. However, on 21 Feb another female took over the nest box, identified as Clark, previously thought to be the male present from 2015, due to a glitch in 2012 banding data, but behavioral observations have shown she is indeed a female. Thus, Clark is the female that was present in 2015, and this year resisted the effort by Sierra to take over the box. It is not known if Clark was the female present 2016-2018, although she was not the successful female present in 2019 based on bands. On 24 Feb 2020, the male was identified as Cheveyo, also a Kansas City bird, but on 2 Mar Cheveyo was ousted by another male whose bands show he is

the 2012 nest mate of Clark appropriately named Lewis. Lewis and Clark have settled down, copulated, and as of 21 Mar appear ready to settle in.

Prairie Falcon: Rare in the east in winter, there were reports of two in *Dodge* on the Ames CBC 17 Dec (fide J&JP), one in *Seward* 4 Feb (JG), and one in *Gage* 6 Feb (CWi).

Loggerhead Shrike: The only report was of a tardy bird on the HCR CBC 14 Dec (fide JGJ).

Pinyon Jay: None were reported of this uncommon but erratic western winter visitor.

Blue Jay: Routine reports.

Black-billed Magpie: This species maintains its tenuous hold in Nebraska, although reports from *Scotts Bluff* were encouraging: nine were at Stateline Island WMA 22 Dec (CWo, SMl, JBa) and eight were at a location east of Scottsbluff 18 Dec (KD). Counts of fewer than five came from other Panhandle locations and the LM area, where magpies are known to occur (m. ob.). The CBC report from Crawford, *Dawes* 21 Dec noted only two, where 35 were counted in 2005 (fide B&DW), and similar bad news came from the North Platte CBC, *Lincoln* 22 Dec where none were found for the third year in a row (fide TJW). The small eastern population in *Madison* persists; encouraging there was the Norfolk CBC tally 21 Dec of five from two locations (fide DH, WF). Scattered reports of 1-2 birds from southeastern *Lincoln, Hayes*, *Frontier* and *Furnas* 19 Jan-29 Feb (TSh, DBr, SMl, NWi), where resident populations are currently not known, may have been of winter wanderers.

American Crow: Routine reports.

Horned Lark: The 5232 on the Grand Island CBC 14 Dec (fide CMc) was record high for that count. Record high for a Nebraska CBC is the 6533 at Lake McConaughy in 1996.

Black-capped Chickadee: Numbers have not recovered on the BOL-Seward CBC; in the first 10 years of the count >100 chickadees were counted per year, but no count since 2002 has reached that level (fide JG).

Mountain Chickadee: None were reported of this rare but annual western winter visitor.

Tufted Titmouse: One in *Nuckolls* 2 Jan (EWy) was west of the expected range and only the 2nd record from that county. Reports suggestive of a decline continue; none were seen Dec-Jan in a Bellevue, *Sarpy* yard with active feeders (L&BP). Two were on the Lincoln CBC, *Lancaster*, where rare, 5 Jan (fide JSS).

Red-breasted Nuthatch: The high numbers reported in the west in fall continued into winter, with 29 in Carter Canyon, *Scotts Bluff* 22 Dec (SMl, JBa, CWo and 27 on the North Platte, *Lincoln* CBC the same day, record high for that count (fide TJW). Best count in the east was the 11 at a *Cass* location 18 Dec (TJW), but an active Bellevue, *Sarpy* yard reported only one bird for Jan (L&BP).

White-breasted Nuthatch: One at Alliance, *Box Butte* 10 Feb (BE) was a winter visitor there, since breeding is unknown at that location.

Pygmy Nuthatch: Routine reports.

Brown Creeper: Routine reports.

House Wren: Only the third on record for Dec was one at LSWNP 2 Dec (LSu photo).

Winter Wren: The several midwinter reports in the southeast were expected, but out of range for Jan were 1-2 at Sutherland Reservoir, *Lincoln* 1-5 Jan (BE photo, SMl, DE recording). The recording confirmed the identification as Winter rather than Pacific Wrens.

Marsh Wren: Wintering is rare away from the North Platte River Valley, but this winter there were several reports indicating widespread wintering in the southwest. One was at Barnett Park, *Red Willow* 9 Jan (GK photo), one at Swanson Reservoir, *Hitchcock* 29 Feb (SMl), one at Enders Reservoir SRA, *Chase* 29 Feb (SMl), three at Rock Creek SRA, *Dundy* 29 Feb (SMl), and, eastward in the south, singles at two locations in *Harlan* 12-14 Dec (JGJ, JN).

Carolina Wren: There were a surprising two westerly in *Lincoln*; one was at a feeder in a cedar canyon since 14 Nov and seen again 14 Dec (LDe) and one was near Brady 15 Feb (BE).

Golden-crowned Kinglet: Tardy in the north and west were one in *Holt* 4 Jan (JTh) and three in Gordon, *Sheridan* the same day (SB).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: North of the expected winter range was one in *Dakota* 26 Dec-1 Jan (BFH).

Eastern Bluebird: Five in *Brown* 21 Feb (JCo) were early there.

Mountain Bluebird: One in *Dundy* 29 Feb (SMl, QP) was a migrant; wintering there is unknown. Best count in the cedar canyon winter range was a moderate 64 along Miriam Road, *Lincoln* 9 Jan (BE).

Townsend's Solitaire: Easternmost were singles two *Lancaster* locations: one continuing since 13 Nov (JGJ) at BOL through 7 Feb (m. ob.), and one at PP 5 Jan-1 Feb (RSt, m. ob.).

Hermit Thrush: One in *Harlan* 14 Dec (JGJ) was not unexpected there on that date, nor was one at Hastings, *Adams* 2 Dec (PD), but one at Ash Hollow SHP, *Garden* 1 Jan (SMa photo) was quite late there.

American Robin: Routine reports.

Varied Thrush: The only report of this less than annual winter visitor was of one in Lincoln, *Lancaster* 24-29 Dec (CSa photo).

Gray Catbird: The first documented state record of overwintering was of one in a Lincoln, *Lancaster* yard 2 Dec through 22 Jan (M&CV, photo).

Brown Thrasher: There were 3-4 individuals reported in midwinter (Jan-Feb), one of which was documented wintering in a yard or yards near Lake Cunningham, *Douglas* 28 Dec-29 Jan (SBr, RWi, photo). Another that may not have made it through Jan was in a Lincoln, *Lancaster* yard for several weeks through 15 Jan (SDo). Elsewhere, singles that may have been wintering were in an Omaha, *Douglas* yard 25 Jan- 1 Feb (RMa, SMa, photo) and in a Lincoln, *Lancaster* yard 21 Feb (JSu).

Northern Mockingbird: Only the 11th state record for Feb was one in *Dundy* 29 Feb (SMl, QP).

European Starling: Routine reports.

Bohemian Waxwing: Up to four were reported at three locations around LM during the period with flocks of Cedar Waxwings (SMl, m. ob.), although, intriguingly, one emerged from a robin flock in response to a recording at Cedar Vue Campground 21 Feb (SMa).

Cedar Waxwing: Routine reports.

House Sparrow: The 210 in Kimball, *Kimball* 18 Dec (SMl) was a good non-CBC count.

American Pipit: Strangely, a single bird appeared at PL 11 Feb (JG), seen by many through at least 26 Feb (m. ob.); this is about three weeks earlier than expected and is the only record for Feb for the state.

Evening Grosbeak: Reports were from two locations: two were at Ponderosa WMA, *Dawes* 21 Dec for the Crawford CBC (KD), and possibly the same birds were there 5 Jan (SB). In addition, four were at WHNC 22 Dec (SMl, JBa, CWo).

Pine Grosbeak: The only report was of two males and a female on the HCR CBC 14 Dec (BP photo) and re-found the following day (LR, RH, JN).

This Pine Grosbeak was one of a group of three found and photographed on the Harlan County CBC 14 Dec by Brian Peterson.

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch: Unexpected were good numbers of the "Hepburn's" subspecies (*Leucosticte tephrocotis littoralis*) mixed with the usually more numerous subspecies *L. t. tephrocotis* at the well-known Henry Road, *Sioux*

location; 25 of 55 total rosy-finches there 22 Dec were Hepburn's (SMl, CWo, JBa). Reports of the species away from *Sioux* and *Scotts Bluff* are rare; the 30 on Wright's Gap Road, *Banner* 31 Dec (SMa, photos) was only the 9th such record.

House Finch: Routine reports.

Purple Finch: Routine reports.

Cassin's Finch: Perhaps the only reliable location in the state for this rare, erratic, but annual winter visitor is WHNC, where there were three reports of 1-2 birds 30 Dec-17 Jan (SMa, KD, ACr).

Common Redpoll: This was definitely a low year, with none in fall and only two winter reports and three birds: one in *Douglas* 31 Dec (PT) and two in *Dixon* 15 Feb (TSa).

Red Crossbill: There were more reports from the east than in most winters, following on from the large numbers in fall; there were 26 reports involving around 140 birds in all. Most recordings indicated the expected Type 2, but Type 4 birds were detected at Plattsmouth Cemetery, *Cass* 27 Dec (BP) and 11 Feb (SMa). Type 4 had been reported in fall also.

White-winged Crossbill: Following the single report in fall, there were reports from two more locations: a female was at a Bellevue, *Sarpy* feeder 23-25 Dec (L&BP), and 5-7 were at the Gordon Cemetery, *Sheridan* 27 Dec-4 Jan (M&DW, DWd, SB).

Pine Siskin: Numbers were high statewide, as in fall; about 840 individuals were reported, and the best count was the 170 at WHNC 22 Dec (SMl, JBa, CWo). Some 980 were reported in fall.

Lesser Goldfinch: The first winter (Nov-Mar) record was in 2002, but four of the six records are since 2016, including this winter's green-backed male at LM 14 Dec (SMl, MHo, DE).

American Goldfinch: An example of distributional variability in winter numbers was provided in southeast *Lincoln* where a feeder operation usually fills several feeders multiple times each day for "thousands" of goldfinches, but as of 14 Dec only 50-100 were present (fide LDe).

Lapland Longspur: Routine reports.

Snow Bunting: Reports were widespread but best count was only six, in *Lancaster* 14 Feb (JBe).

Chipping Sparrow: Only the 7th overall record for Jan was one at Cedar Vue Campground, LM 5 Jan (BE photo).

Field Sparrow: About eight were reported in Dec in the south and southeast as expected, but midwinter (10 Jan-15 Feb) reports are less than annual; a surprising three were at Rowe Sanctuary, *Buffalo* 23 Jan (JN).

Fox Sparrow: At the west edge of the winter range in the Platte and Republican river valleys were singles at HCR 14 Dec (JGJ) and Cottonmill Park, *Buffalo* 23 Dec and 11 Jan (JN). The latter bird was in the same place as individuals seen the two previous winters (JN).

American Tree Sparrow: A good CBC count was the 1056 at Grand Island, *Hall* 14 Dec (fide CMc).

Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco: The 450 at Norfolk, *Madison* 21 Dec (PT) was a good non-CBC tally.

Dark-eyed (Cassiar) Junco: Routine reports.

Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco: The eight on the DeSoto CBC 15 Dec (fide JT) was a good eastern count.

Dark-eyed (Pink-sided) Junco: The only report from the east, where less than annual and often difficult to conclusively identify, was one in *Dixon* 18 Dec (PR).

Dark-eyed (White-winged) Junco: Best count was the eight in Carter Canyon, *Scotts Bluff* 22 Dec (SMl, JBa, CWo).

White-crowned Sparrow: Routine reports.

Harris's Sparrow: One in *Scotts Bluff* 22 Dec (SMl, JBa, CWo) was a rarity there in late Dec. A good CBC tally was the 195 at Indian Cave SP, *Nemaha/Richardson* 14 Dec (KHo); recent years have seen a steep decline in wintering numbers.

White-throated Sparrow: At the west edge of the expected winter range in the Platte River Valley was one at North Platte, *Lincoln* 16 Feb (JLv).

Vesper Sparrow: Only the 5th midwinter (5 Dec-21 Feb) report was of one seen on the DeSoto NWR CBC 15 Dec and photographed the next day (CPr).

Song Sparrow: Somewhat northwest of the expected winter range were singles in *Antelope* 5 Jan (JTh) and at Olson Nature Preserve, *Boone* 1 Jan (DH, JTh, WF). The 43 at HCR dam 12 Dec (JGJ) was a good count.

Lincoln's Sparrow: Westerly for the date was one in *Scotts Bluff* 22 Dec (SMl, JBa, CWo).

Swamp Sparrow: One near Paxton, *Keith* 4 Jan (SMl, DE) was westerly for the date. Two in *Lancaster* 22 Feb (BHo) may have been wintering.

Spotted Towhee: Usually by late Dec few occur away from the southeastern corner of the state, but this year such reports were numerous and included good numbers. Six were as far west as *Harlan* 14 Dec (JGJ), four were northerly on the Ames CBC, *Dodge* 17 Dec (fide D&JP), and the eight on the BOL-Seward CBC, *Lancaster* 14 Dec (fide JG) was a new high count for that circle. Westerly for the date was one in *Scotts Bluff* 22 Dec (SMl). Midwinter (Jan-Mar) reports away from the southeast are rare; singles were in *Hall* 9-22 Jan (CCh), *Nance* 17 Jan (LK), *Buffalo* 20 Jan (JN), and *Dundy* 29 Feb (SMl).

Eastern Towhee: This species is less than annual in winter and occurs only in the extreme southeast when reported. As with Spotted Towhee, however, more than usual were present, including as many as seven on the Indian Cave SP CBC 14 Dec (KHo). Farther north than usual were one in *Dakota* 25 Jan (BFH) and two at PSP 15 Feb (BFH), as well as one on the Ames CBC, *Dodge* 17 Dec (fide D&JP). At least two were at FF; females, possibly the same bird, were reported 27 Dec (JR) and 4 Jan (JLa, CJo), and a male was there 22 Feb (JR).

Yellow-headed Blackbird: Two in *Sarpy* 2 Jan (JGJ) were tardy.

Western Meadowlark: A record high midwinter (15-30 Jan) tally was the 155 in *Nuckolls* 18 Jan; no Easterns were detected (DE).

Red-winged Blackbird: As with other "half-hardy" species this winter, more than usual lingered into Jan north and east of the expected winter range; 350 were at Jackson, *Dakota* 19 Jan (EBr, LBr) and 110 were in *Dakota*, including a mixed-sex flock, 14 Jan (BFH). Farther west, 51 were at O'Neill, *Holt* 4 Jan

(SB) and two were at Valentine NWR, *Cherry* 18 Jan (LPh, m. ob.). The 7500 at North Platte, *Lincoln* 22 Dec (TJW) was a good late Dec tally.

Brown-headed Cowbird: Tardy in the west were three on Henry Road and seven near Morrill, all on 5 Jan in *Scotts Bluff* (PR), and only the 4th and 5th Panhandle records for Nov-Feb. The flock of 100 on the Ames CBC, *Dodge* 17 Dec (BP) was a good number for the date, as was the 25 in *Pierce* 2 Feb (DH, EBr).

Rusty Blackbird: One near O'Neill, *Holt* 4 Jan (SB) was northwest of the expected winter range.

Brewer's Blackbird: Usually rare by Dec, there were four reports through 3 Jan, when 20 were near North Platte, *Lincoln* (BE). A flock of 40 was in *Dodge* 8 Dec (D&JP), 54 were north of North Platte 21 Dec (JGJ), and 38 were at Mitchell, *Scotts Bluff* 22 Dec (SMl, JBa, CWo).

Common Grackle: One in Gordon, *Sheridan* 26 Jan (D&MW) was unexpected at that northwesterly location in Jan; it was hanging out with starlings.

Great-tailed Grackle: Sizeable numbers winter in the central Platte River Valley from Grand Island to North Platte, although high counts in late Feb suggest the arrival of spring migrants; 400 were near Doniphan, *Hall* 21 Feb (RSt), 200 were at the North Platte, *Lincoln* Flying J Truck Stop 23 Feb (BE), and 146 were in Lexington, *Dawson* 22 Feb (JGJ).

Orange-crowned Warbler: There were a surprising number of reports for Dec and even Jan. Only the 3rd all-time record for Jan-Feb was one at BOL 26 Jan (MW, BWi; photo). Almost as surprising, adding to the previous all-time total of seven reports for Dec, were no fewer than three more: 1-2 at Stolley Park, *Hall* 11-15 Dec (SM, CCh, RF), one at Republican City, *Harlan* 12 Dec (JGJ), and one at Schramm SP, *Sarpy* 21 Dec (RSt).

Common Yellowthroat: Like the preceding species, this "half-hardy" warbler can linger. The single report added to the two prior; one was at Holmes Lake, *Lancaster* 13 Dec in the same place as presumably the same bird was seen 24 Nov (KS).

Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler: Routine reports.

Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler: The 5th winter (Dec-Jan) record from the LM area, 7th overall, was one photographed 21 Feb (BP, RSt).

Northern Cardinal: One at Gordon, *Sheridan* 28 Feb (D&MW) was one of only about 20 Pine Ridge reports since the late 1980s. A record CBC tally at North Platte, *Lincoln* was the 31 on 22 Dec (fide TJW).

2019-2020 Christmas Bird Counts

by Don Paseka

Seventeen counts were run during the 2019-2020 CBC season, which is one fewer than last year. The Lake McConaughy count was cancelled due to the weather, which very negatively affected this year's overall numbers, particularly with regards to some western and water-related species. Four other counts were also rescheduled due to weather issues.

Twelve of the counts were done from December 14 through 22. After an eight-day hiatus, the other five were done between December 31 and January 5. The weather on actual count days was dry and fairly benign with mostly average to above average temperatures. The amount of open standing water varied, but streams and springs were mostly open.

In all, 131 species were tallied compared to an average of 140 for the past nine years. This is still a respectable number given that many of the Lake McConaughy specialties were missed this year. As would be expected, the total number of individuals (281,295) was also lower than the average of this same period.

Only four species (Blue Jay, American Robin, European Starling, and Dark-eyed Junco) were counted in all circles. Twenty-four species were found in only one circle and 15 of those were single birds. Eight species, including the first ever Lewis's Woodpecker, which was found in the Lower Platte circle, set new high counts, while three others tied high counts and four more had second-highest counts.

Twenty-seven species of Anseriformes were counted and were present in mostly unremarkable numbers, but there were a few exceptions. The estimated 50,000 Snow Geese at DeSoto along with the 26,666 counted at Harlan County composed the bulk of the total (81,524) for this species on all counts. This is the highest count for Snow Geese since 129,415 were found in 2002. Greater White-fronted Geese set a new high count of 1,223 beating the old mark of 1064 from just last year. Most of these "specklebellies" were found in the Lower Platte circle on January 2 when 1,042 were counted.

Both swan species had good numbers this year. The total of 213 Trumpeter Swans came mostly from the DeSoto circle, where 144 were found, and is second only to the 316 trumpeters counted in 2016. The 3 Tundra Swans, all found at North Platte, tied the record for second high count with 2014 when 3 were found at Lake McConaughy. While tundras have now been counted in five of the last ten years, they were found only three times before that with singles in 1985 and 1994, and the all-time high count of 11 birds found at Omaha in 1999.

Two duck species set new high counts this season. The previous high count for Green-winged Teal was 872 from 1998. Harlan County accounted for 1606 of this year's total and new high count of 1849 for the species. Among the divers, Hooded

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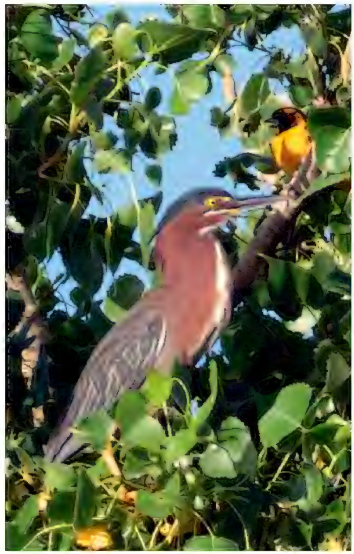
Our theme this year is Odd Couples: two or more different species captured in the same photo frame. Examples appear on the first three pages of photos.



Above: Green Heron with Baltimore Oriole on Dark Island Trail, Merrick Co., June 2020. Photo by Colleen Childers.

Above: Downy Woodpecker with Carolina Wren on suet feeder in photographer's yard, La Vista, Sarpy Co., 31 Dec. 2019. Photo by Mary Clausen.

Right: Blue Jay with Great Horned Owl in Plum Creek SRA, Dawson Co., 23 Dec. 2019. Photo by Elizabeth Winter.

Below: Wilson's Phalarope surrounded by Long-billed Dowitchers and Stilt Sandpipers along highway 30 east of North Platte, Lincoln Co., 12 May 2020. Photo by Boni Edwards.

Left: Bald Eagle with leg band and fish being ridden by Eastern Kingbird displaying red crown stripe, Oak Glen WMA, Seward Co., 28 June 2020. Photo by Elizabeth Winter.

Below: Great Egret and Great Blue Heron at Hershey Wetlands, Lincoln Co., August 2017. Photo by Boni Edwards.

Below: White-faced Ibis and Black-necked Stilts in wetlands on the east side of North Platte, Lincoln Co., 3 June 2020. Photo by Boni Edwards.

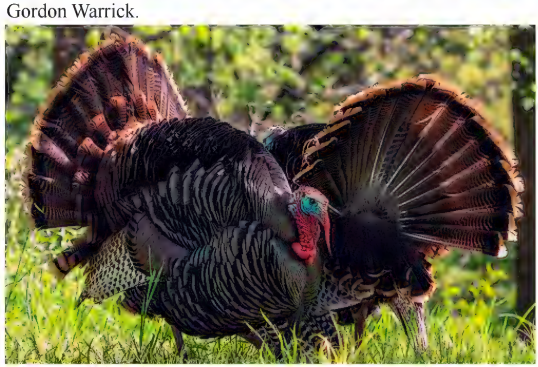
Brewster's Warbler and American Robin in the photographer's back yard, Papillion, Sarpy Co., 21 May 2020. Photo by Phil Swanson. This 2nd generation backcross Brewster's Warbler is the product of a 1st generation Brewster's (cross between a Blue-winged and a Golden-winged) and a Golden-winged Warbler, and has been reported only 5 times in Nebraska.

Above: Male Baltimore Oriole and female Rose-breasted Grosbeak in photographer's yard, Denton, Lancaster Co., 12 May 2020. Photo by Joe Gubanyi.

Below: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher and Lark Sparrow near Table Rock, Pawnee Co., 31 July 2020. Photo by Colleen Childers.

Whooping Crane among Sandhill Cranes at the west edge of North Platte, Lincoln Co., March 2018. Photo by Boni Edwards.

Above: Immature Northern Goshawk at Brownlee, Cherry Co., 2 Feb. 2020. Photo by Gordon Warrick.



Above: Wild Turkeys at Camp Wa-Kon-Da, Fontenelle Forest, Bellevue, Sarpy Co., 8 May 2020. Photo by Donna Gray.

Above: Swainson's Hawk, west edge of Kilgore, Cherry Co., 3 April 2020. Photo by Carolyn Semin.

Above: Sharp-tailed Grouse on lek near Mullen, Hooker Co., 14 April 2006. Photo by Phil Swanson.

Right: Great-tailed Grackle, west edge of Lincoln, Lancaster Co., 17 April 2016. Photo by John Carlini.

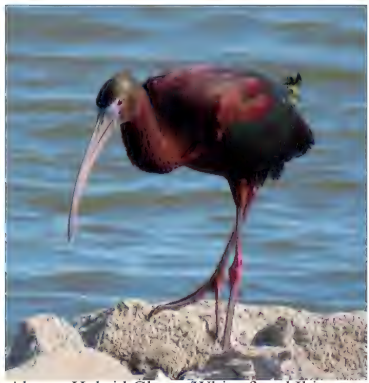
Above: Introgressant bunting with both Indigo Bunting (brown lower wingbar, extensive blue shoulder patch and breast streaking) and Lazuli Bunting (white upper wingbar) characteristics, in the photographer's midtown Omaha yard, Douglas Co., 17 May 2020. Photo by Craig Crews.

Above: Least Flycatcher, showing complete eyering, large head, and short primary projection. Photo taken in southern rural Dixon Co., 15 May 2020, by Jan Johnson.

Left: Molting Summer Tanager on photographer's birdbath, Bellevue, Sarpy Co., 19 May 2020. Photo by Loren Padelford.

Below: Prothonotary Warbler eating grape jelly in photographer's yard, Papillion, Sarpy Co., 14 May 2020. Photo by Phil Swanson.

Below: Yellow-breasted Chat on White River Trail, Ft. Robinson, Dawes Co., June 2020. Photo by Colleen Childers.

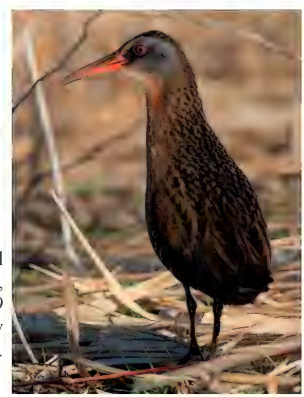


Above: Hybrid Glossy/White-faced Ibis at Oak Lake, Lincoln, Lancaster Co., on 20 April 2020. Photo by Esa Jarvi.

Below: American Avocet at Oak Lake, Lincoln, Lancaster Co., 23 April 2020. Photo by Mary Clausen.

Above: Wilson's Snipe, south of Atkinson, Holt Co., 17 June 2020. Photo by Mary Jo Rome.

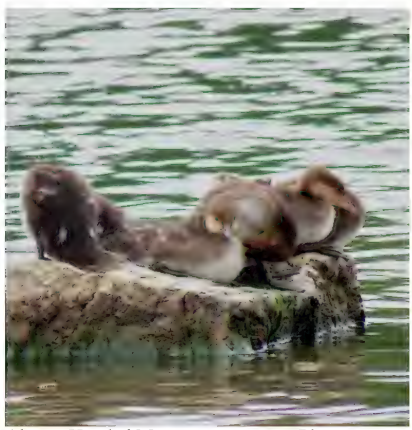
Left: Red-necked Phalarope at Oak Lake, Lincoln, Lancaster Co., 23 May 2020. Photo by John Carlini.



Right: Virginia Rail at Deep Well WMA, Hamilton Co., 19 April 20. Photo by Deb Miller.

Above: Caspian Tern, Branched Oak Lake Area 10, Lancaster Co., 16 May 2020. Photo by John Carlini.

Above: Mourning Warbler in the photographer's yard, Fremont, Dodge Co., 22 May 2020. Photo by Ken Shuster.



Above: Hooded Merganser young at Pioneers Park, Lincoln, Lancaster Co., 20 May 2020. Photo by Esa Jarvi.

Above: Common Nighthawk at Pawnee Lake, Lancaster Co., 22 July 2020. Photo by John Carlini.

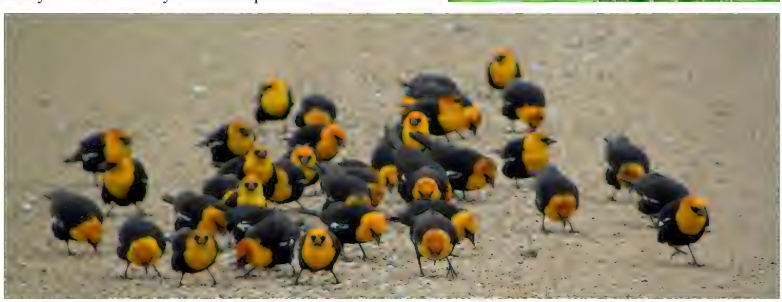
Left: Ring-billed Gulls with fish, Pawnee Lake, Lancaster Co., 4 March 2020. Photo by Sonja Brandt.

Left: Gray Partridges northwest of Wayne, Cedar Co., 16 June 2020. Photo by Mary Clausen.

Left: Henslow's Sparrow, Spring Creek Prairie, Lancaster Co., 23 June 2020. Photo by Loren Padelford.

Right: Bobolink in Tim Knott Prairie, Saunders Co., 29 June 2020. Photo by Theresa Pella.

Below: Yellow-headed Blackbirds in Seward Co., May 2019. Photo by Clem Klaphake.



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Mergansers reached a new high of 104 counted in nine circles, which topped the count of 97 from 2017. A single Surf Scoter was found in the Lower Platte circle, which was only the fourth time that this species has been found on a Nebraska CBC. Lone birds were also found at Lake McConaughy in 1999, 2010 and 2015. A good North Platte find were two Barrow's Goldeneye.

Several species, however, were counted in numbers much below the norm. The lone Wood Duck found at Branched Oak was the lowest count for that species since 2004, when they were missed entirely. The two Canvasbacks from the Norfolk circle were a nice find, but they were the only ones found this season and represent the lowest count since they were missed entirely in 2009. The 8 Redheads were the fewest counted since 2009 when only five were found. Greater Scaup were missed for the first time since, you guessed it, 2009. (For those of you who've forgotten the blizzards of the 2009 CBC season, you're lucky.) Only 17 Bufflehead were found, which is the lowest total since 12 were counted in 2008. Red-breasted Merganser was missed for the first time since 1994.

Without the Lake McConaughy count, grebes were nearly absent from this year's counts. The Lower Platte circle had the single count day Pied-billed Grebe, while Harlan county had a count week Pied-billed and one Eared Grebe on count day. No other grebes were found. Western Grebes had last been missed in 2008.

Twenty-four American White Pelicans were found at Indian Cave along with singles at Harlan County and Grand Island for a new high count of 26, beating out the previous high of 11 from 1997. Since the Lake McConaughy count was cancelled this season, Virginia Rail was missed for only the third time in the last 25 years.

While diurnal raptor numbers were lackluster, Barred Owls continued to do well. This owl was found in 9 circles and the total of 27 tied with 2018 for high count. On the other hand, Short-eared Owl was missed for the first time since 2008.

The big news in the woodpecker department had to be the first ever Lewis's Woodpecker, which took up residence near the Schramm SRA Education Center in mid-December and hung around long enough to be counted on the Lower Platte count on January 2. Pileated Woodpecker was missed that day at Schramm, but was spotted in the park the next day, so the Lower Platte count very nearly had eight species of woodpeckers on count day. Red-bellied Woodpeckers were the only other Piciforme of note. A total of 552 birds were found in 13 circles, which is second only to the count of 629 from 2017.

Blue Jays set a new high count of 1371, bettering the old high of 1310 from 1994. Other corvids didn't fare so well. The 19 Black-billed Magpies found this year is slightly better than the 2017 total of 12, but is still the all-time third lowest count. Five of them were found at Norfolk, so at least that population showed some

improvement this year. American Crow numbers were also down this year; the total of 1224 was the lowest since 908 were found in 2007

Horned Larks had a good count of 6067, but it is well below the all-time high of 10,015 from 2007. A total of 15 Ruby-crowned Kinglets were found in seven circles, tying 2015 for second place high count behind the 18 counted in 1988. As noted last year, the Black-capped Chickadee recovery has stalled out. While the 613 birds counted this year is barely worse than the 614 found in 2016, one would have to go back to 1975, when only 527 were tallied, to find a lower count. Brown Creeper was another dickie bird having a tough year. The 33 birds counted this season is the worst count since the same number was found in 1978.

Three more species had a down year. Mountain Bluebird was missed entirely for the seventh time since 1987. The 14,329 European Starlings was the lowest count since 13,198 were counted in 2002, and the number of House Sparrows (2574) is the lowest since 1406 were counted in 1998.

After a long absence, a nice surprise were the two Evening Grosbeaks found at Crawford. This species was last seen on a CBC in 1989 when 59 were counted: 56 from Scottsbluff, one from North Platte and two from Grand Island. The all-time high for this bird is 173 from 1977. The bulk of that year's numbers came from Scottsbluff and Crawford, but 9 of them were counted at Omaha. This species was found more years than not during the 1960s through the 1980s, often in double digit numbers.

Another grosbeak surprise was the trio of Pine Grosbeaks found at Harlan County. This species was last seen in 2004 when a single bird was found at Branched Oak. This makes only the seventh time that this species has been counted on a Nebraska CBC. The high counts for Pine Grosbeaks come from the Scottsbluff circle in the back-to-back years of 1969 and 1970, with counts of 7 and 10 respectively.

Two of our finches had a down year. Only 21 Purple Finches were counted, which is the lowest number since 14 were counted in 2002, and the count of 1432 American Goldfinch was the lowest since 1100 were counted in 1999.

The only sparrow surprise was the Vesper Sparrow found on the Nebraska part of the DeSoto circle. This marks the sixth time that this species has been counted. Singles were found in 1994 and 1987, and there were reports of 4 to 6 birds 1984, 1982 and 1971. A total of 38 towhees (Eastern and Spotted together) were recorded, topping the old high number of 26 from 1998.

For the first time, three species of warblers were found on this year's CBCs. Although the 25 Yellow-rumped Warblers was on the low side for recent years, there were a couple of surprises. A single Orange-crowned Warbler was found at Grand Island, as well as a count week bird at Harlan County. This makes only the fourth time this species has been counted. Singles were also reported in 1996 and 1999 at Lincoln and in 1998 at Harlan County. What may have been the second best find for season was the lone male Common Yellowthroat on the DeSoto count. The only other record of this species was a single bird in the Lincoln circle in 2001. This year's bird, although on the DeSoto count, was found 800 feet outside of Nebraska, in the state of Iowa.

2019-2020 CBC Participants

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2019-2020 Christmas Bird Count

	Ames	Beaver Valley	BOL - Seward	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Harrison
Snow Goose	10		9			50,000	1,003	26,666	
Ross's Goose						6		14	
Gr White-fronted Goose	150		5			12	11		
Cackling Goose	20		97	2		5	1,202	39	
Canada Goose	1,894	2	1,871	5,500		8,275	10,577	668	
Trumpeter Swan	15	7		18		144		cw	
Tundra Swan									
swan sp.			4						
Wood Duck			1						
Northern Shoveler			cw					87	
Gadwall			22			2		6	
American Wigeon								12	
Mallard	634	35	1,071	130	8	12,218	397	14,401	
American Black Duck									
Northern Pintail			3					1	
Green-winged Teal				1		3		1,606	
Canvasback									
Redhead									
Ring-necked Duck	11					30			
Lesser Scaup	2		1	3		22		2	
Surf Scoter									
Long-tailed Duck									
Bufflehead						2		15	
Common Goldeneye	22		175	5		155	25	54	
Barrow's Goldeneye									
Hooded Merganser			4	1		8		55	
Common Merganser	8		507	1		111		4,339	
Ruddy Duck	3		14			14			
Duck sp.									
Northern Bobwhite		9	14						
Wild Turkey	101	67	24	118	18	431	79		
Sharp-tailed Grouse				8					
Greater Prairie-Chicken		30		5			36		

2019-2020 Christmas Bird Count

	Indian Cave	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Snow Goose	67	13	206	13	100	437	3,000		81,524
Ross's Goose		1	2		1				24
Gr White-fronted Goose			1,042		3				1,223
Cackling Goose		25	232		3,669	6	1	110	5,408
Canada Goose		4,895	2,642	1,506	2,679	2,375	650	10,146	53,680
Trumpeter Swan					16	13			213
Tundra Swan					3				3
swan sp.									4
Wood Duck									1
Northern Shoveler					5	20		40	152
Gadwall		1	1	2	16			7	57
American Wigeon					108	1		49	170
Mallard	15	480	5,472	150	21,447	132	14	1,354	57,958
American Black Duck			1						1
Northern Pintail			4	1	53			13	75
Green-winged Teal			147		68	24			1,849
Canvasback				2					2
Redhead		6	2						8
Ring-necked Duck			3	1	41			29	115
Lesser Scaup		10	12	3	1				56
Surf Scoter			1						1
Long-tailed Duck						1			1
Bufflehead									17
Common Goldeneye			90	9	51	109	51	47	793
Barrow's Goldeneye					2				2
Hooded Merganser			6		7	21	1	1	104
Common Merganser		1		2	24	44	14		5,051
Ruddy Duck			7			24			62
Duck sp.		9				6			15
Northern Bobwhite			1	24					48
Wild Turkey		26	1	196	125	67	138	18	1,409
Sharp-tailed Grouse									8
Greater Prairie-Chicken					29				100

2019-20 Christmas Bird Count

	Ames	Beaver Valley	BOL - Seward	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Harrison
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	7	2	3	4	7		2	
Pied-billed Grebe								cw	
Eared Grebe								1	
Rock Pigeon	224	37	157	20	22	56	309	56	24
Eurasian Collared-Dove	88	43	42	11	92	6	320	116	31
White-winged Dove								1	
Mourning Dove	92		27			51	8	15	
American Coot	2		1			18		20	
Sandhill Crane							2		
Killdeer	1								
Wilson's Snipe								2	
Ring-billed Gull			291					245	
Herring Gull			22					12	
Glaucous Gull									
Common Loon								2	
Double-crested Cormorant			1						
American White Pelican							1	1	
Great Blue Heron	3		1	1		2	1	4	
Golden Eagle					1				1
Northern Harrier	2	5	11	1		6	15	8	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3		7			1		3	
Cooper's Hawk		3	4			5		2	
Northern Goshawk								1	
Accipiter sp.		1		1		1			
Bald Eagle	43	5	19	115	1	65	11	35	
Red-tailed Hawk	57	16	79	21	6	44	24	49	
Rough-legged Hawk	4	5	5	16	2	3	2	1	4
Ferruginous Hawk					1				
Buteo sp.			2			4			
Hawk sp.									
Eastern Screech-Owl	2		2			1	2	12	
Great Horned Owl	5	8	3			7	3	7	
Barred Owl	1		6			6		4	

2019-2020 Christmas Bird Count

	Indian Cave	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Ring-necked Pheasant			2	47	1		37	1	115
Pied-billed Grebe			1						1
Eared Grebe									1
Rock Pigeon		691	137	344	101	278	46	246	2,748
Eurasian Collared-Dove		115	53	92	389	16	18	272	1,704
White-winged Dove					1				2
Mourning Dove	9	139	19	6		160	1		527
American Coot		74		4				1	120
Sandhill Crane									2
Killdeer								2	3
Wilson's Snipe					3				5
Ring-billed Gull	1	20			64				621
Herring Gull			2		1	3			40
Glaucous Gull						1			1
Common Loon									2
Double-crested Cormorant			1			1			3
American White Pelican	24								26
Great Blue Heron					6	1			19
Golden Eagle									2
Northern Harrier		2	1	1	6	3	1	3	66
Sharp-shinned Hawk		4	3	3		3			27
Cooper's Hawk		5	1	2	4	2	1	1	30
Northern Goshawk									1
Accipiter sp.									3
Bald Eagle	13	14	35	21	23	41	8	4	453
Red-tailed Hawk		76	53	41	34	63	30	12	605
Rough-legged Hawk		2	1	5	5	1	17	1	74
Ferruginous Hawk					2				3
Buteo sp.									6
Hawk sp.		11							11
Eastern Screech-Owl		1		2	2				24
Great Horned Owl		3	3	10	9	3	2	2	65
Barred Owl		2	1	3		2	2		27

2019-20 Christmas Bird Count

	Ames	Beaver Valley	BOL - Seward	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Harrison
Long-eared Owl								2	
Belted Kingfisher	1	1	5	2	1	1	4	5	
Lewis's Woodpecker									
Red-headed Woodpecker			1			35			
Red-bellied Woodpecker	37	7	75			97	9	44	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			1			1			
Downy Woodpecker	34	13	47	9	1	79	27	38	
Hairy Woodpecker	4	5	18	1	1	11	5	14	
Northern Flicker	33	8	92	9		63	27	40	
Red-shafted			2						
Red x Yellow-shafted	1								
Yellow-shafted	32		35			63			
unspecified		8	55	9			27	40	
Pileated Woodpecker	1					5			
American Kestrel	5	4	9	1	4	12	6		
Merlin	2	2		1				1	
Prairie Falcon	2	1			1		1	3	
large falcon sp.			1						
Loggerhead Shrike								1	
Northern Shrike		1	10	3		1		1	1
shrike sp.									
Blue Jay	91	27	150	13	4	163	44	23	1
Black-billed Magpie					2				
American Crow	16	66	220	166	13	35	60	38	177
Horned Lark	145	22	2	18	33	42	5,232	167	24
Black-capped Chickadee	53		45		19	57	19	14	18
Tufted Titmouse						2			
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	2	3	4	2		3	1	4
White-breasted Nuthatch	58	9	65	9	1	74	11	43	1
Pygmy Nuthatch					4				
Brown Creeper						3	2	2	
Winter Wren						1			

2019-2020 Christmas Bird Count

	Indian Cave	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Long-eared Owl			1	2	1		1		7
Belted Kingfisher		2	4	1	3	3		3	36
Lewis's Woodpecker			1						1
Red-headed Woodpecke	22		3			133	1		195
Red-bellied Woodpecker	12	87	57	18	5	81	23		552
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	5		2						9
Downy Woodpecker	8	88	50	22	12	62	12	3	505
Hairy Woodpecker		12	13	13	5	15	1		118
Northern Flicker	1	98	56	20	23	115	12	18	615
Red-shafted		3			3				8
Red x Yellow-shafted								2	3
Yellow-shafted		42			1	44	12	2	231
unspecified	1	53	56	20	19	71		14	373
Pileated Woodpecker			cw			2			8
American Kestrel		19	7	8	10	11	2	12	110
Merlin		4			2		1		13
Prairie Falcon					1			1	10
large falcon sp.									1
Loggerhead Shrike									1
Northern Shrike		1	2		2	1	6	1	30
shrike sp.				1					1
Blue Jay	38	268	196	109	9	106	114	15	1,371
Black-billed Magpie				5				12	19
American Crow	5	120	144	72	1	62	29		1,224
Horned Lark		6	11	271	59		12	23	6,067
Black-capped Chickadee	2	170	69	36	13	60	33	5	613
Tufted Titmouse	13	2	9			3			29
Red-breasted Nuthatch		10	5	8	27	1	2	8	81
White-breasted Nuthatch	6	148	60	50	8	90	19		652
Pygmy Nuthatch								3	7
Brown Creeper		6	6	5	1	8			33
Winter Wren			3						4

2019-20 Christmas Bird Count

	Ames	Beaver Valley	BOL - Seward	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Harrison
Marsh Wren								1	
Carolina Wren			1			1	2	cw	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	6		1	1		8	3	3	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1			2	1	5	
Eastern Bluebird	22		151	6		35	12	8	
Townsend's Solitaire			2		5				4
Hermit Thrush								1	
American Robin	605	12	846	7	102	1,505	26	80	3
European Starling	864	456	244	360	222	1,400	1,773	652	102
Cedar Waxwing	35	105	50		19	340	22	24	
House Sparrow	261	95	111	50	99	113	386	105	
Evening Grosbeak					2				
Pine Grosbeak								3	
House Finch	12	7	105	83		40	68	48	
Purple Finch	cw					1	2		
Red Crossbill			10		12				25
Pine Siskin			15	1	2				
American Goldfinch	68	10	250	16	112	87	55	110	
Lapland Longspur	20						550	39	
Snow Bunting									5
Field Sparrow			1					1	
Fox Sparrow	2		4			1		1	
American Tree Sparrow	253	178	535	107	3	545	1,056	775	
Dark-eyed Junco	307	113	551	55	45	607	199	406	30
Slate-colored	307		241		3	599			9
Oregon			1			8			3
Pink-sided									3
unspecified subspecies		113	309	55	42		199	406	15
White-crowned Sparrow			1			4	6	147	
Harris's Sparrow	18		15	6		29	26	113	
White-throated Sparrow	1		9	1		14	2	1	
Vesper Sparrow						1			
Song Sparrow	13	1	6		1	10	2	31	

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	Indian Cave	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Marsh Wren								1	2
Carolina Wren		7	7			9			27
Golden-crowned Kinglet		3	4	4	9	4	2		48
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		4			1	1			15
Eastern Bluebird		73	61	1		40	57		466
Townsend's Solitaire		1			8			4	24
Hermit Thrush									1
American Robin	5	807	444	133	368	2,070	201	110	7,324
European Starling	37	2,458	1,368	1,735	576	919	741	422	14,329
Cedar Waxwing		45	113	17	7	40	59		876
House Sparrow		389	194	88	117	135	212	219	2,574
Evening Grosbeak									2
Pine Grosbeak									3
House Finch	142	167	55	8	32	84	16	53	920
Purple Finch	11		3	2		2			21
Red Crossbill		2			7	25			81
Pine Siskin		7	2	6		10		67	110
American Goldfinch	2	152	106	68	40	119	207	30	1,432
Lapland Longspur			4	14	804				1,431
Snow Bunting							5		10
Field Sparrow		1	1						4
Fox Sparrow		1	2						11
American Tree Sparrow		179	109	253	151	131	258	1	4,534
Dark-eyed Junco	50	697	376	535	238	175	244	138	4,766
Slate-colored		693			228			69	2,149
Oregon		4			9		1	38	64
Pink-sided					1			3	7
unspecified subspecies	50		376	535		175	243	28	2,546
White-crowned Sparrow		3	2			5		57	225
Harris's Sparrow	195	56	26	8		44	23		559
White-throated Sparrow		8	8	1		47			92
Vesper Sparrow									1
Song Sparrow		7	12	7	5	16	1	3	115

2019-20 Christmas Bird Count

	Ames	Beaver Valley	BOL - Seward	Calamus-Loup	Crawford	DeSoto-Boyer	Grand Island	Harlan Co.	Harrison
Lincoln's Sparrow						1			
Swamp Sparrow						3		3	
Sparrow sp.			24			8			
Spotted Towhee	4		8			4	5	6	
Eastern Towhee	1								
towhee sp.									
Yellow-headed Blackbird									
Western Meadowlark		15		5					
Meadowlark sp.	81	3	41			28	80	231	
Red-winged Blackbird	27	3	114	80		127	98	194	
Brown-headed Cowbird	100							3	
Rusty Blackbird								47	
Common Grackle		2	1			11	102		
Great-tailed Grackle							300		
blackbird sp	1								
Orange-crowned Warbler							1	cw	
Common Yellowthroat						1			
Yellow-rumped Warbler			14					2	
Northern Cardinal	60	7	95	8		150	69	62	
TOTAL SPECIES	63	42	77	48	35	77	59	84	18
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	6,643	1,455	8,454	7,003	865	77,479	24,324	52,103	456

Correction: In the 2018-2019 CBC tally (March 2019 NBR Vol. 87 No. 1 page 32), it was incorrectly reported that 26 Red-breasted Nuthatches were observed on the Indian Cave count. This should have been 26 White-breasted Nuthatches.

2019-2020 Christmas Bird Count

	Indian Cave	Lincoln	Lower Platte	Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha	Ponca SP	Scottsbluff	TOTAL
Lincoln's Sparrow									1
Swamp Sparrow		2	2			1			11
Sparrow sp.									32
Spotted Towhee						3			30
Eastern Towhee	7								8
towhee sp.		1							1
Yellow-headed Blackbird			2						2
Western Meadowlark				35		22			77
Meadowlark sp.		15	64		23	16	7	1	590
Red-winged Blackbird		79	1	99	7,602	61	358	81	8,924
Brown-headed Cowbird				18	1		5		127
Rusty Blackbird							2		49
Common Grackle									116
Great-tailed Grackle					70				370
blackbird sp						158			159
Orange-crowned Warbler									1
Common Yellowthroat									1
Yellow-rumped Warbler			8		1				25
Northern Cardinal	20	201	103	37	31	109	32	1	985
TOTAL SPECIES	25	66	80	62	74	69	52	49	135
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	710	13,032	13,961	6,200	39,372	8,857	6,730	13,651	281,295

NEBRASKA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION TREASURER'S REPORT December 31, 2019

CHECKING	General Funds	Breeding Bird Atlas	Scholarship Fund	Endowment Fund	Total
Jan. 1, 2019 Balance Checking	11,803.79	$6,920.60 (Savings acct.)	$1,016.32	$0.00	19,740.71
RECEIPTS					
Memberships	$3,997.03				$3,997.03
Subscriptions	$225.00				$225.00
Atlas		$31.74			$31.74
Donations	$190.00		$285.00		$475.00
Spring Meeting - Fairbury	$1,802.00				$1,802.00
Fall Meeting - Imperial	$2,893.00				$2,893.00
Sub-total Receipts	9,107.03	$31.74	$285.00	$0.00	$9,423.77
DISBURSEMENTS					
NBR - Jan.-Dec. 2019 Printing: 2937.14 Postage: 317.66	$3,254.80				$3,254.80
Spring Meeting - Fairbury	$1,253.44				$1,253.44
Fall Meeting - Superior	$2,732.40				$2,732.40
Scholarship spring - Fairbury	$0.00				$0.00
Scholarship fall - Imperial	$0.00				$0.00
USPS - stamps	$11.00				$11.00
Kathy Delara - web page	$199.95				$199.95
Joel Jorgensen - misc	$54.42				$54.42
Joel Jorgensen - sound system	$91.88				$91.88
PayPal Fees	$14.17				$14.17
Member Reimbursements	$15.00				$15.00
Acuity Insurance	$350.00				$350.00
Sub-total Disbursements	$7,977.06				$7,977.06
12/31/2019 Bal. - Checking	$12,933.76	$6,952.34	$1,301.32		$21,187.42
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT					
Jan. 1, 2019 Balance CD				$36,021.13	
Interest Earned				$64.86	
Jan. 1, 2020 Balance CD					
Maturity				6/27/20	
CD Annual Rates				0.10%	
Endowment Principal				$36,085.99	
GRAND TOTAL					$57,273.41

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